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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7176**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 215**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 27, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Caregivers.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Governor's Commission on Caregivers to study issues regarding the availability and quality of caregivers in long term care health settings. The bill requires the Commission to submit a report to the Governor and Legislative Council by not later than October 1, 2002. It allows the Commission to contract with a private individual or organization to provide the staff support necessary for the operation of the Commission, including conducting research and developing the required report. It appropriates \$75,000 from the state General Fund for the Commission to fulfill its purpose.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill establishes a 21-member Governor's Commission on Caregivers to study issues regarding the availability and quality of caregivers in long term care health settings. Specifically, the Commission will do the following: (1) review data and information on the availability and need for long term caregivers, (2) evaluate barriers to increasing the supply of long term caregivers, (3) evaluate the adequacy of existing training programs in the state for long term caregivers, and (4) develop recommendations to increase the supply of long term caregivers.

Ten members of the Commission will be state employees and eleven will be lay members. The chair of the Commission will be appointed by the Governor. Lay members are entitled to a per diem of \$50 (\$550 per diem for all lay members per meeting). Total costs will depend on the number of meetings held.

In addition, this bill provides for an appropriation of \$75,000 from the state General fund to provide for staff support necessary to meet the operational and research requirements of the Commission. These funds will not revert to the state General Fund at the close of the fiscal year but rather will remain available to the Commission through October 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Health, State Board of Nursing, Department of Family and Social Services, Commission for Higher Education, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Workforce Development, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**